



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado continues to experience drought conditions. The State did not receive any precipitation throughout the week and temperatures were well above average. Overall, mountain snowpack is 92 percent of the average. Farmers were allowed 6.0 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	42	47	10	1
Last Week	38	48	12	2
Last Year	16	27	50	7

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	39	38	1
Last Week	19	39	41	1
Last Year	12	29	54	5

Field Crops: Fifteen percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 15 percent seeded by week's end while spring wheat was 8 percent planted. Dry onions were 20 percent planted, 5 percent ahead of the 5 year average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 22, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	5	14	35	42	4
Last Year	11	22	36	25	6

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to very poor across the State. Thirty-seven percent was in the very poor category, compared to only 8 percent last year at this time.

Livestock: Fifty-two percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 39 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were slightly below average. Stored feed supplies are rated above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 22, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	37	26	28	8	1
Prev. Year - 2008	8	23	49	20	0
5-Year Avg.	10	25	43	21	1

Spring 2009 Calving and Lambing

	2009	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	52	50
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	39	39

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 22, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	15	12	7	10
Spring Barley				
Seeded	15	8	7	12
Spring Wheat				
Planted	8	2	4	3
Dry Onions				
Planted	20	15	9	15

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	4	23	64	9

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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